Big Bend National Park

Daily Report – Friday, February 19, 2016



Weather Forecast:

Today...... Partly cloudy with winds from the southwest around 10 mph. Mountain highs upper 70s, river highs low 90s.

Tonight...... Increasing clouds. Winds will vary from the east to north around 10 mph. Overnight lows 51-

Tomorrow Mostly cloudy. Winds will vary from the east to north around 10 mph. Mountain highs mid 70s, river highs low 90s. Overnight lows 52-59.

Extended Sun-Thu: Mostly cloudy to sunny with a chance of thunderstorms Sunday and Monday.

Highs: upper 50s - mid 80s Lows: mid 40s - low 50s

Sunset tonight: 6:45 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 7:28 a.m.

Fire Danger

In the Chisos Mountains: HIGH Panther Junction/Foothills: Moderate

Temperatures and Precipitation

	Temperatures – Last 24 hours			hours	Precipitation		
	Elevation	High	Low	8 AM	24 Hours	Month	Year
Panther Junction	3750'	86	54	59	0.00	0.00	0.23
Chisos Basin	5400'	81	60	63	0.00	0.00	0.18
Rio Grande Village	1850'	97	49	52	0.00	0.00	0.28
Castolon	2170'	95	55	56	0.00	0.00	0.10
Persimmon Gap	2970'	91	51	61	0.00	0.00	0.14
Lajitas	2340'	94	47	51	0.00	0.00	0.11

River Leveis			
	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	3.82 ft / 65 cfs	3.82 ft / 66 cfs
Castolon	15.50	2.61 ft / 146 cfs	2.64 ft / 151 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	4.68 ft / 119 cfs	4.68 ft / 120 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	NR ft / NR cfs	3.06 ft / 138 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	4.62 ft / 336 cfs	4.62 ft / 337 cfs

Current Park Conditions:

To protect a popular nesting area for the peregrine falcon the Southeast Rim Trail and a portion of the Northeast Rim Trail is closed to all use until May 31.

The Chisos Basin amphitheater trail from the middle of the parking area is undergoing renovations. Use the trail from the west end of the parking area to access the amphitheater.

An extreme water shortage continues throughout the park. Visitors are limited to 5 gallons of water per day and are encouraged to conserve further whenever possible.